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In the Application of: John E. Sims, Dirk E. Smith and  
Teresa L. Born

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For: IL-1 ZETA, IL-1 ZETA SPLICE VARIANTS AND XREC2  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT B**

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Sir:

In response to an Office Action having a mailing date of December 4, 2003,  
Applicants request that the claims be amended as described, and reconsidered.

- **Amendment to the Specification:** none.
- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Amendments to the Drawings:** none
- **Remarks and Conclusions** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450, on the date indicated below.

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